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For: **HLA BINDING PEPTIDES AND THEIR USES**

This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates: 08/589,107, filed January 23, 1996, the disclosure(s) of which is (are) incorporated by reference.

Please amend this application by adding the following before the first sentence: --This application is a  continuation  division of and claims the benefit of U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.--

Enclosed are:

38 sheet(s) of  formal  informal drawing(s) and 38 pages of specification including description, claims and abstract.

An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_.

A  signed  unsigned Declaration & Power of Attorney.

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A Power of Attorney by Assignee with Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b).

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27  is enclosed  was filed in the prior application and small entity status is still proper and desired.

A certified copy of a \_\_\_\_\_ application.

Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97.

A petition to extend time to respond in the parent application.

Notification of change of  power of attorney  correspondence address filed in prior application.

Please cancel claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.53(f), Applicant requests deferral of the filing fee until submission of the Missing Parts of Application.**

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Respectfully submitted,  
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